

5/23 Dear Ed, Glad you could get here again. Enjoyed your visit. I can't read fast, can't believe you actually do read! But the pocketbooks will be good to carry. What time I spend on reading at home I must now devote to Frank, With Care.

Your letter is very kind, if a bit excessive. Neither now nor in the past have I had this concept of myself. I think you have this feeling more from the abdication of others than from what I have done and do. The tragedy is there is virtually no competition, no work and less thinking being done.

There is a UPI story this morning confirming what Jerry said about police use of false press credentials Sunday. It happened in Maine, after a threat against Muskie, with the Secret Service doing it.

The enclosed Buchwald is in case you missed it. He is sui generis, with some competition, but none quite up to him. Ever see Hoppe in the SF Chronicle?

How I wish I could accept your invitation to visit! We could use a vacation, but Lil is uncomfortable travelling and we can't even pay for the gas. And, with well over 99,000 miles on my car, I nurse it. Haven't the money to repair or replace.

Best regards and again thanks,